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AMERICAN AIRMEN AIDING THE ITALIANS

Bombing Party Damages
New Austrian Bridge
Across Piave River.

ENEMY IS CHECKED

Preparations Made to Meet
Second Phase of Offens-
ive, Expected Soon.

By Associated Press.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, June 20 (Thursday).—The first American aviators to fly on the Italian front went today on a bombing expedition. They were successful in blowing two holes in a new Austrian bridge across the Piave River.

The commander of the Italian aviation camp expressed satisfaction with the work of the Americans.

The second phase of the Austrian offensive along the Brenta River and in the mountains should begin soon, now that the effort along the Piave has failed. If the Austrians do not renew their efforts they will acknowledge their defeat and their inability to carry out the ambitious plan of a week ago.

The situation, however, is still regarded as very serious and all preparations have been made to meet any new offensive.

By Associated Press.

Stubborn Italian resistance has again stopped the Austrians in an effort to extend their front along the Montello Plateau, the keystone of the Italian defenses on the Piave River.

It was officially announced today at Rome that the Austrians were defeated in a drive yesterday on the northeast section of the plateau and that only on the south were they able to make any progress whatever.

The enemy was able to cross the railroad at several points near Nervesa station, but elsewhere was promptly stopped.

Raiding operations are reported on the British front, while the French have improved their positions on the front southwest of Soissons.

SMASH EXPECTED BY BRITISH

It is Believed That Prince Rupprecht's
Army Has Reorganized.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, June 21 (Havas Agency).—Grave events are pending on the British front, according to military experts who see in the intensity of the German cannonading at various points the preliminary steps of a new German attack.

It is pointed out that the Fourth Army Group under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has had leisure to reorganize during the three weeks since it was engaged in battle and is now ready for a new effort along the front.

U. S. HOLDS 38-MILE FRONT

War Department Gives Information to
House Military Committee.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—American soldiers are now holding the front line for a distance of thirty-eight miles on the western front, according to information given to the House Military Committee today at its weekly conference with Secretary Baker and General March, chief-of-staff.

ENEMY PATROLS SUFFER

General Pershing's Communique Re-
ports Artillery Fighting.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Enemy patrols suffered considerable losses northwest of Chateau Thierry and in the Woerthe region, General Pershing's communique reported today. In the Chateau Thierry and Woerthe regions and in Lorraine artillery fighting continues.

BOHEMIAN WORKMEN AGITATED

Austrian Government Must Issue More
Bread or Face Riots.

By Associated Press.

COPENHAGEN, June 21.—The situation at Prague, Bohemia, says the Neue Freie Presse of Vienna, has become so serious that the Austrian government will either be compelled to increase the bread ration or run the risk of still further excitement among the working people. In the latter event, the newspapers declare the railroad communications will be cut off, and revolts will break out.

American Ace Missing.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, June 21.—The leading American ace in the French flying corps, First Lieutenant Frank L. Baylies of New Bedford, Mass., is missing after an unequal fight June 17, with four Germans. His machine caught fire about six miles behind the German lines.

Austria's Short Rations.

By Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, June 21.—In many places in Austria-Hungary only one-third of the food necessary to maintain proper health is allowed the inhabitants. It will tax Hungary's efforts to hold out until the next harvest, according to reports from Burgo-master Weiss-Kirchner of Vienna.

THE CALENDAR

June 21.—Business Benedicts vs. Soldiers, baseball, Rollins Field. 7 p. m.
June 21.—Social by Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. for students and soldiers, Read Hall, 8 p. m.
June 22.—Social for Summer Students and faculty, Read Hall, 7 p. m.
June 22.—Social at Christian Church for soldiers and students, 8 p. m.
June 24.—Business Bachelors vs. Faculty, baseball, Rollins Field. 7 p. m.
June 25-26.—Conference of Missouri county food administrators in Columbia.
June 26.—Students vs. Soldiers, baseball, Rollins Field, 7 p. m.
June 28.—Business Benedicts vs. Faculty, baseball, Rollins Field. 7 p. m.
June 28.—National War Savings Day.
July 1.—Postponed term of Circuit Court convenes.
July 6.—Social at Methodist Church for soldiers and students, 8 p. m.

AMERICAN SUCCESSES

Prisoners Taken in Mont-
didier Sector—Brilliant
Attacks on Marne.

By Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 21.—American troops have stormed German trenches and machine-gun positions at Cantigny, in the Montdidier sector. The Germans who remained to fight, attempting to carry out the order to hold the positions at any cost, were killed by rifle and machine-gun fire. Prisoners were taken by the Americans. The Americans attacked with heavy artillery, followed by the infantry.

By Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE MARNE, June 21.—In a series of small, brilliant attacks, the American troops have succeeded in driving the Germans back north of Belleau Wood. The Americans occupied the German positions without resistance from the enemy.

COMBING OUT THE ELIGIBLES

Men in Non-Essential Occupations
Will Be Called July 1.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Bellboys, elevator boys, waiters and men in other non-essential occupations will be called into service July 1. Provost Marshal General Crowder says that games and sports have been classed as non-essential occupations.

More Registrants Called.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today called 8,976 registrants with grammar school education who are qualified for military service. They will be sent to mechanical schools. Missouri's quota is 155. They will enter July 15 for the David Rankin School, St. Louis.

Boone Countian Dies at Front

The name of William Hill of Roche-
port, Mo., appears in a recent casualty
list from France. He died of disease.

Boy Dies of Dropsy.

Funeral services for Charles A. McCollum, 14 years old, who died of dropsy yesterday morning will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. McCollum, one mile east of Columbia. Burial will be in the Columbia cemetery.

Baker Near a Boat Explosion.

By Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 21.—Two were killed and one injured today by an explosion on a motor boat at Aberdeen, Md. Secretary Baker was less than 300 yards away when the explosion occurred. Neither he nor any of his party was injured.

George Buecker in France.

George Buecker, a brother of Mrs. B. Gentsch of Columbia, is with the machine gun company of the 354th United States Infantry in France. He is 23 years old. Before entering the Army, Buecker worked at the Gentsch Bakery here.

Social for Students and Soldiers.

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. will give a social at 8 o'clock tonight at Read Hall for the men in the Emergency War Training School and Summer School students. Ice cream cones will be sold, the proceeds to go to the Y. M. C. A. fund.

Scott Field Aviator Killed.

By Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, June 21.—Lieutenant James R. Wheeler of St. Louis was killed and Cadet John M. Raster of St. Paul was only slightly bruised when their airplane fell near Scott Field, at Belleville, Ill., this morning.

Hotels to Conserve Beef.

By Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, June 21.—St. Louis hotels and restaurants, beginning Monday, June 24, will serve beef at only four meals a week, according to an announcement of Food Administrator Gephart.

SOLDIERS IN TRAINING AT UNIVERSITY



Capt. W. E. Yant, commanding officer—Group of recruits in front of Engineering Building—A party from Kansas City—After vaccination.



WOMEN BEGIN CANVASS

Committees Solicit War Savings
Pledges in Residence Districts.

At the women's committee meeting on War Savings, held this morning at the war activities office in the Guitard Building, additional preparations were made for the women's mass meeting to be held at the Methodist Church on June 28.

Committees of women to canvass the different residence districts were appointed. The canvass began today and will continue until the 28th. The men's committees, which have been canvassing the business district, will continue their "drive" until Monday, when a full report will be issued.

Special cards for the purpose of taking pledges have been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington and are being used both by the men's and the women's committees in soliciting. The purpose of this intensive "drive" is that each community may pledge its share of the remainder of the year's quota.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING POPULAR

Soldiers Make Use of Conveniences
Offered There.

The Y. M. C. A. is proving popular with the soldiers of the War Training School. From fifty to one hundred spend the evenings there. The soldiers are furnished with stationery, ink and pens. The secretary keeps a supply of stamps and mails the letters that the boys leave each night.

Twenty-seven of the soldiers are being quartered in the Y. M. C. A. Building. The pool room and the game room are open to them. A piano and victrola are furnished. The secretary asks that citizens lend victrola records to the Y. M. C. A., as the number owned is not sufficient.

Most of the soldiers in the War School are taking advantage of the Y. M. C. A. laundry rate, which is less by 15 per cent than the regular rates. Many of them are receiving their mail there.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. will give an entertainment for the soldiers at Read Hall tonight.

BAKER IS ORDERED HELD

Federal Authorities Interested in Man
Arrested Here.

Sheriff T. Fred Whitesides, received a letter today from the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice at St. Louis advising him to hold on a state charge Henry Baker, who was arrested in Columbia Wednesday night on suspicion of being a spy. He was instructed to get a history of Baker's past and to send it in to the bureau.

Baker will probably be held over till the next term of Circuit Court. Captain Walter E. Yant and Sheriff Whitesides will tonight critically examine the papers found in his possession.

Draft Boards Don't Agree.

E. C. Anderson of the Boone County draft board said today that no definite understanding was reached yesterday at the meeting of the various boards of the state at Jefferson City, as each board had a "pet" scheme for classification. The local board had a meeting today and is preparing to classify the men according to Government instructions.

New Red Cross Unit at Work.

The colored Red Cross unit is meeting four times a week at its rooms on North Eighth street. The hours are from 2:30 to 6 p. m. The average attendance is from eight to ten. Mrs. E. O. Boone is in charge. One hundred and twenty-five dressings were turned in this morning to headquarters.

Followers of Pastor Russell Jailed.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Joseph F. Rutherford and six associates, followers of the late Pastor Russell, were today found guilty of conspiring to violate the espionage law. They were given twenty years' imprisonment.

CORN AND PASTURES BENEFITED BY RAIN

War Gardens, Too, Will
Profit Greatly by Last
Night's Downpour.

GOOD CORN OUTLOOK

Wheat Harvest Only Slightly
Interfered With,
Says Dean Mumford.

The rain that fell last night over most of Missouri, Southern Nebraska, Northern Colorado and Utah, was badly needed in Missouri, according to Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture. Dean Mumford said that it would have a very beneficial effect on the corn crop, the war gardens and pastures. The rain came too late to help the hay crop. In spite of the dry weather, he said, there was a fair crop of hay, and clover was more promising this year than usual, although some of it had been partly killed by the drought.

Dean Mumford said that the rain would interfere only slightly with the wheat harvest and would be fine for the oats. Alfalfa and potatoes would be benefited.

The bulk of the wheat crop in Central Missouri will be harvested this week. There is every indication of a record crop. The acreage exceeds that of last year by 1,000,000 acres, and the latest estimates place the crop this year at 50,000,000 bushels. Last year the amount raised was 29,000,000 bushels.

Large Acreage of Potatoes.

All spring the weather has been favorable for potatoes, and there is a large acreage reported. Dean Mumford says that in spite of very bad seed corn there is an excellent stand of corn in all parts of the state, due to intelligent testing by the farmers. He says that there has been more seed testing this year than ever before in the history of the State.

According to George Reeder of the United States Weather Bureau in Columbia, there have been only seven months in the last thirty which received the normal or above the normal amount of rainfall. He says that on this account the subsoil is so lacking in moisture that a short drought would be very hard on the corn. April and May have been normal months as to rainfall, and Mr. Reeder says that there is no indication that there will be any doubt of importance this year.

Outlook for Corn.

Mr. Reeder says that corn raisers do not need to fear a dry June in Missouri. The critical season is from July 1 to August 15. This state often has dry weather at that time. The corn requires from ten to fifteen inches of rainfall during those forty-five days to make an average crop of twenty-eight to thirty bushels. A dry June gives the farmers a chance to get the weeds out of the corn, and causes the plant to seek a deeper root depth so that it withstands later dry weather. If June is wet, the plants are shallow-rooted, and are poorly prepared to stand the commonly dry weather in July and August.

On account of the dryness of the subsoil, Mr. Reeder says that the late summer rains must be heavier than usual to secure the average crop.

Will Show How to Dry Fruit.

How to dry fruit without sunning it will be demonstrated by Miss Mary Brucher of the extension department of the College of Agriculture, at a public gathering in the women's rest room at the Courthouse at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The talk is delivered under the auspices of the Civic League. Miss Brucher will explain how to construct a homemade dryer which will preserve fruit for winter use without cooking or sugar.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair and cooler tonight and Saturday.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Saturday, preceded by thunder showers extreme southern portion this afternoon or tonight. Cooler.

Weather Conditions.

During the past 24 hours showers fell over most of Missouri, Southern Nebraska, Northern Colorado and Utah. Over the western half of Missouri the showers were light and rather unimportant, but over the central and eastern portions amounts generally varied between one-half inch and one inch; save in Florida there was no rain elsewhere.

Temperatures in the southern half of the United States differ but little from the seasonal average, while over the northern half a pleasant type of weather prevails this morning. Good harvesting weather continues, except showers will likely occur this afternoon in Southern Missouri and Arkansas.

In Columbia mostly fair, pleasant weather will prevail for the next two or three days.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 91 and the lowest last night was 69. Rainfall, 0.65. Relative humidity at noon yesterday was 53 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 83 and the lowest was 56. Rainfall, 0.

(Summer Time) Sun rose today, 5:43 a. m. Sun sets, 8:38 p. m. Moon sets, 3:22 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	70	12 noon	81
8 a. m.	72	1 p. m.	84
9 a. m.	74	2 p. m.	86
10 a. m.	75	3 p. m.	86
11 a. m.	77	4 p. m.	86

Today Longest of Year.

Today is the first day of summer, or as astronomers have it, the solstice. The sun rose at 5:43 a. m. (new time) and will set at 8:38 p. m., making the longest day in the year.

PRIZES FOR WAR ESSAYS

Plan of Missouri Historical Society
Will Be Indorsed.

When the State Council of Defense meets at Cape Girardeau, July 12, it will indorse the proposition of the Missouri Historical Society for an essay contest in which it is proposed to give prizes as follows:

First—Five \$100 war savings certificates for the best five articles on "Missouri and the War."

Second—Three \$100 war savings certificates for the three best articles on "St. Louis and the War."

Third—Three \$100 war savings certificates for the best three articles on "My County and the War."

Fourth—Three \$100 war savings certificates for the best three articles on "Kansas City and the War."

Fifth—One \$100 war savings certificate for the best article on "The University of Missouri and the War."

The Missouri Historical Society asks that the Missouri Council of Defense offer the three certificates for the best article on "My Country and the War."

COLLECTING \$1,000 FUND

Committees Solicit Funds for Welfare
Work Among Soldiers.

Joe Somerville, in charge of soliciting the \$1,000 fund for welfare work among the soldiers here, said this afternoon that about \$400 had been collected.

The men working on the soliciting committees in the business districts are Boyd Lucas, J. E. Higbee, Eugene Cox, John Quarles, Jesse Smith, Joe Somerville, Tom McHarg, B. D. Simon and H. B. Goetz.

The University community is being canvassed by a committee headed by H. O. Severance.

SEAPLANES MAY FLY OVER THE ATLANTIC

British Officer Says Such
Trips Should Be Made
by Next Summer.

40 HOURS REQUIRED

Initial Journey May Be
Attempted Next Fall
in British Machine.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Big American seaplanes should be flying across the Atlantic Ocean to reach the front by next summer, Major General W. Branker of the British Air Mission said here today in a formal statement to the press. He is in Washington to co-operate with the American aircraft officials and believes that the transatlantic flights should be attempted without delay.

It is expected that the initial flight will be made this autumn in a machine of British make, probably a seaplane. The start will probably be made from Newfoundland, and the plane would touch at the Azores. It is estimated that the trip could be made in forty hours of flying.

GUARD HAS FIRST DRILL

Company A Will Meet Again at 6
O'Clock Sunday Evening.

I. C. Adams, first lieutenant of Company A, Home Guard, said this morning that corporals and sergeants had not yet been selected for the company. Only men will be chosen who show special aptitude for the work.

Lieutenant Adams reports a good drill last night. All the men enjoyed the work and made a special effort at the first drill; as a result the company made a good appearance. Friendly competition between Companies A and B was noticeable.

Company A will meet again at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. The hour has been moved up so that there will be no conflict with church services. The meeting will be on the Courthouse lawn. The men will then proceed to drill on Broadway. Company B will meet again on Monday night.

The name of C. D. English of Company A was omitted from the list when published.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS SERVE

Soldiers of the Sixties Eager to Do
Their Part Now.

Judge James C. Gillespie, captain of Company C of the Home Guard, has issued the following notice to his command:

"Attention, Company C of the Columbia Guards: You are hereby called to meet on the Courthouse lawn at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening for the purpose of drill and company organization. A necessary number of sergeants and corporals will be announced; also a bugler, a drummer and a standard bearer."

The judge says that in Company C there are ninety men enrolled who are over 50 years of age—Men who are too old to run, and yet who are young enough to stand and take care of Columbia while the boys are away.

Judge Gillespie saw service in the Confederate army. He styles himself a "home fellow," as he has been sheriff, collector, treasurer, representative of Boone County and mayor of Columbia. Nearly all the prospective corporals and sergeants saw service in the Civil War.

E. C. Anderson is first lieutenant of the company and N. T. Chicago is second lieutenant.

BLIND BOONE HERE AFTER TOUR

Thirty-Eighth Concert Season Was
Highly Successful.

Blind Boone, the noted colored pianist and composer, arrived home Sunday after completing his thirty-eighth concert season. This tour, which took him through Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri, was his most successful, according to Boone. So far the war has not injured his business. People like to hear the camp melodies and the lullabies that are Boone's specialty. He carried four musicians and an advance man with him this season. He hopes to complete two more seasons, and then take a long rest.

Boone has not found much time for work in composition lately. He hopes to do a little this summer, however, and is planning to arrange his negro folk songs into a rhapsody. He leaves September 8 to begin his thirty-ninth season's tour. Before then, however, he has arranged to go to Chicago, where he will play some of his later pieces for phonograph reproduction.

Funeral of Anderson Buckner.

Funeral services for Anderson Buckner, brother of Mrs. A. F. Neate of Columbia, will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at his home in Paris, Mo. Mr. Buckner died of pneumonia, which set in as the result of inflammatory rheumatism of the throat. He was ill only five or six days.

Farm Sells for \$15,000.

Carter Brothers of Columbia have bought the John Galvin 200-acre farm ten miles south of Centralia. The sum paid was \$15,000.